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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of sending a song dedication from a sender to a recipient, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving transaction information from the sender, the transaction information comprising a recipient address, a song selection, and a voice dedication message;

generating a personal identification number corresponding to the transaction information;

transmitting the personal identification number to the recipient at the recipient address;

receiving a request from the recipient, the request including the personal identification number; and

transmitting the voice dedication message and a song selected based on the song selection to the recipient at the recipient address,

wherein the recipient is capable of listening to the voice dedication message separately from the song.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting of the voice dedication message and the song ~~selection~~ to the recipient is performed using the Internet.

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3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the transmitting of the voice dedication message and the song ~~selection~~ to the recipient is performed telephonically.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the transaction information further comprises a sender address, the method further comprising ~~the step of~~ transmitting a confirmation to the sender at the sender address after the recipient has been sent the voice dedication message and the song ~~selection~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of~~ receiving from the sender a telephone message for use as the voice dedication message.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting a song dedication from a sender to a recipient, the song dedication comprising a voice dedication message and a song, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

transmitting a song selection list to the sender;

receiving transaction information from the sender, the transaction information comprising a recipient address, a song selected from the song selection list, and a sender address;

generating first and second personal identification numbers corresponding to the transaction information;

transmitting to the sender a telephone number and the first personal identification number;

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receiving the first personal identification number from the sender;

receiving from the sender a telephone message for use as the voice dedication message;

transmitting the second personal identification number to the recipient at the recipient address;

receiving a request from the recipient, the request including the second personal identification number; and

sending the song dedication to the recipient at the recipient address.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the ~~step of~~ sending the song dedication to the recipient is performed using the Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the ~~step of~~ sending the song dedication to the recipient is performed telephonically.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein a recording of the song is embodied in a permanent storage medium and delivered to the recipient.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting a song dedication from a sender to a recipient via a computer network and a telephone network, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

providing a dedication server operably coupled to the telephone network and operably coupled to the computer network;

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providing a jukebox server operably coupled to the computer network;

transmitting a song selection list to the sender from the jukebox server via the computer network;

receiving transaction information by the jukebox server from the sender via the computer network, the transaction information comprising a recipient email address, and a song selected from the song selection list;

generating by the jukebox server first and second personal identification numbers corresponding to the transaction information;

transmitting to the sender by the jukebox server via the computer network a telephone number for accessing the dedication server via the telephone network and the first personal identification number;

receiving by the dedication server from the sender via the telephone network the first personal identification number and a voice dedication message;

transmitting by the dedication server to the recipient via the computer network using the recipient email address the second personal identification number;

receiving by the dedication server from the recipient via the computer network a request, the request including the second personal identification number;

sending by the dedication server to the recipient via the computer network the song dedication.

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11. (Original) A data processing system adapted to send a song dedication from a sender to a recipient, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

receiving from the sender, recipient address information;

generating an identification number;

associating a song and a voice message using the identification number;

sending the identification number to the recipient using the recipient address information;

receiving a request from the recipient, the request including the identification number;

generating a document using the identification number, the document including:

song retrieval instructions; and

voice message retrieval instructions; and

sending the document in response to the request.

12. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 11, the program instructions further including:

receiving sender address information;

sending a notification to the sender using the sender address information.

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13. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 11, the program instructions further including receiving the voice message from the sender.

14. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 11, the program instructions further including:

 sending a song selection list to the sender, the list including at least one song;

 receiving a song selection from the sender, the song selection taken from the song selection list; and

 using the song selection to indicate the song linked by the identification number to the voice message.

15. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 14, the program instructions further including:

 receiving song selection criteria from the sender; and

 generating the song selection list using the song selection criteria.

16. (Currently Amended) A data processing system adapted to send a song dedication from a sender to a recipient, comprising:

 a processor; and

 a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

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receiving recipient address information from the sender;

generating an identification number;

associating a song and a voice message using the identification number;

sending the identification number to the recipient using the recipient address information;

receiving a request from the recipient, the request including the identification number;

retrieving the voice message using the identification number for retransmission to the recipient; and

retrieving the song ~~selection~~ using the identification number for retransmission to the recipient.

17. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 16, the program instructions further including:

receiving sender address information; and

sending a notification to the sender using the sender address information.

18. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 16, the program instructions further including receiving the message from the sender.

19. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 16, the program instructions further including:

sending a song selection list to the sender, the list including at least one song;

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receiving a song selection from the sender, the song selection taken from the song selection list; and

using the song selection to indicate the song linked by the identification number to the message.

20. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 19, the program instructions further including:

receiving song selection criteria from the sender; and

generating the song selection list using the song selection criteria.

21. (Original) A data processing system adapted to send a song dedication from a sender to a recipient over the Internet, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

receiving from the sender, song selection criteria;

generating a song selection list from the song selection criteria, the song selection list including at least one song;

sending the song selection list to the sender;

receiving from the sender a song selection, the song selection selected from the song selection list;

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receiving from the sender, recipient address information;

generating a personal identification number;

recording a voice message from the sender;

associating a song indicated by the song selection and the voice message using the personal identification number;

sending a recipient notification to the recipient using the recipient address information, the recipient notification including:

the personal identification number; and

document request instructions;

receiving from the recipient a document request according to the document request instructions, the document request including the personal identification number;

generating a document using the identification number, the document including:

song retrieval instructions for retrieval of the song; and

voice message retrieval instructions for retrieval of the voice message; and

sending the document to the recipient as a response to the document request.

22. (Currently Amended) The data processing system of Claim 21, the program instructions further including:

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receiving a song request according to the song retrieval instructions; and

sending the song ~~selection~~ in response to the song request.

23. (Original) The data processing system of Claim 21, the program instructions further including:

receiving a voice message request according to the voice message retrieval instructions; and

sending the voice message in response to the voice message request.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the song ~~selection~~ is transmitted to only the recipient identified via the recipient address in the received transaction information from the sender.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the song and the voice dedication are not mixed.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the voice dedication message is separately retrievable from the song.